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In reply refer to
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Dear Mr. Yeagley:

In Mr. Waterman's letter of April 18, 1953, concerning the case of Anna Louise Strong v. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, (U.S.D.C. D.C.) Civil Action No. 912-58, a request was made for copies of all correspondence between the plaintiff and the Department and for the transcript of the hearings relating to the case. The documents you requested are enclosed herewith.

You also requested that the Department state specifically which allegations in the complaint should be admitted and which denied. It is the Department's view that allegations 2, 3, 5, and 14 should be admitted. With respect to paragraph 4, it should be admitted that the plaintiff has been for many years a writer and lecturer, but it should be added that the Department is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the extent to which her income is derived from writing and lecturing. It should also be stated that the defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief concerning how essential to the pursuit of her professions it is for plaintiff to travel abroad. Paragraph 6 should be admitted except to the extent that it purports to state that the plaintiff's sole purpose in applying for a passport was to travel abroad to be a foreign correspondent and to assist in the pursuit of her professions. Paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 should be admitted except to the extent that they purport to allege that the hearing given the plaintiff was not a satisfactory one. Paragraph 10 should be admitted except to the extent that it purports to allege that the substance of the confidential information was not disclosed to the plaintiff. Paragraph 11 should be denied except to the extent that it states that in reaching its decision, the defendant took into consideration the plaintiff's writings, lectures and associations over a long period of time. Paragraph 12 should be denied, and with respect to paragraph 13, it should be stated that the Department is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the effect of the denial of a passport on plaintiff's ability to earn a livelihood and practice her professions.

It is

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley,
Acting Assistant Attorney General,
Internal Security Division,
Department of Justice.

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Washington, D. C.
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It is the view of the Department that the issues in this case are substantially the same as those in the case of Dayton v. Dulles, which was recently argued in the Supreme Court and that this case should be defended along the lines taken in that case. You should find it helpful to obtain the files in that case from the Civil Division.

If the Department can be of further assistance in the defense of this case, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Raymond
Deputy Legal Adviser

Enclosures:

30 documents, with enclosures (2 copies).

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